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May 14, 2024

**SECOND NOTICE MODIFYING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

and

**NOTICE RESCHEDULING EVIDENTIARY HEARING**

**(Now Set for 9 a.m. on July 19, 2024)**

RE: *In the Matter of the Petition of the CenturyLink Companies – Qwest Corporation; CenturyTel of Washington; CenturyTel of Interisland; CenturyTel of Cowiche; and United Telephone company of the Northwest to be Competitively Classified Pursuant to RCW 80.36.320, Docket UT-240029*

TO ALL PARTIES:

On January 8, 2024, the CenturyLink Companies – Qwest Corporation, CenturyTel of Washington, CenturyTel of Inter Island, CenturyTel of Cowiche, and United Telephone Company of the Northwest (collectively referred to as CenturyLink or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a Petition for Competitive Classification (Petition) pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 80.36.320 and the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-121-061.

On February 5, 2024, the Commission issued Order 02, Prehearing Conference Order; Notice of Hearing, which established a procedural schedule, including an evidentiary hearing set for May 24, 2024.

On April 22, 2024, the Commission issued a Notice Modifying Procedural Schedule and Notice Rescheduling Evidentiary Hearing (First Notice). The First Notice extended the procedural schedule to allow the parties to focus on reaching a settlement and rescheduled the evidentiary hearing to June 14, 2024.

On May 8, 2024, CenturyLink contacted the presiding officer to propose a further continuance of the procedural schedule to allow the parties to continue to focus on reaching a settlement, stating that Staff and Public Counsel agree to the changes. CenturyLink proposed a procedural schedule including suggested hearing dates of July 11 or 12, 2024.

On May 13, 2024, the presiding officer informed the parties that the proposed hearing dates were not feasible and provided suggested dates, requesting that the parties confer and provide a revised proposed schedule.

On May 13, 2024, CenturyLink responded with a revised proposed procedural schedule including a new evidentiary hearing date of July 19, 2024.

The Commission is committed to fostering settlement where possible. Due to the parties' agreement to the requested continuance of the schedule and the Company's continued assurance that progress is being made towards settlement, the Commission finds good cause to modify the procedural schedule as requested and attached hereto as Appendix A.<sup>1</sup> The modified schedule extends the deadline for entry of a final order to September 2, 2024.<sup>2</sup>

**THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the procedural schedule in Docket UT-240029 is modified as indicated in Appendix A, attached hereto.**

**THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That the hybrid evidentiary hearing in Docket UT-240029 is rescheduled for July 19, 2024, at 9 a.m. in the Commission's Hearing Room, 621 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey, Washington and via Zoom. To participate in the hearing by phone, call (253) 215-8782 and enter the Meeting ID: 840 8956 2275# and Passcode: 292836#. To participate via Zoom, [click here to join meeting](#).<sup>3</sup>**

**THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That the deadline for issuance of a final order by the Commission is hereby extended to September 2, 2024, at the request of the Company.**

*/s/ Paige Doyle*  
PAIGE DOYLE  
Administrative Law Judge

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1 It is unlikely, however, that any further incremental continuance to this schedule could be granted due to the Commission's adjudicative load in the latter half of 2024. If a settlement cannot be reached, the hearing must either take place as scheduled by this notice or be continued to a much later date.

2 The Company has previously waived its right to have a final decision on the Petition entered within six months of filing.

3 <https://utc-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/84089562275?pwd=H2thkhSIOrUYrV9vhvyjvFdUpRH9O0.1>

**Appendix A**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PREVIOUS DATE</b>	<b>NEW DATE</b>
Company Rebuttal Testimony	May 31, 2024	June 21, 2024
Discovery Cutoff	June 5, 2024	June 26, 2024
First Virtual Public Comment Hearing	May 16, 2024	No Change
Cross-Examination Exhibits, Witness Lists, and Time Estimates	June 10, 2024	July 1, 2024
Evidentiary Hearing	June 14, 2024	July 19, 2024
Second Virtual Public Comment Hearing	June 6, 2024	No Change
Simultaneous Post-Hearing Briefs	July 10, 2024	August 7, 2024
Deadline for Entry of Final Order	August 5, 2024	September 2, 2024